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WE ARISE TO INQUIRE—

Why it is necessary for the state public service commission to send outside of Nevada to secure a capable secretary? With due respect to the present secretary of the commission and those who have gone before him, we believe that the grand old state of Nevada could provide a man capable of filling the office which means doing the work of the commissioners who decorate the office.

CANTU'S PREDICAMENT.

Armando Esteban Cantu, a lawyer from California, is facing a serious situation. Cantu was recently asked by the Mexican federal government to resign and a successor was named and dispatched to Mexico, the capital of lower California. Cantu informed his superior, however, that he was not ready to resign and advised him to "beat it," which the latter did, returning to Mexico City and reporting that the lower California governor refused to abdicate. As a result, federal troops are marching on lower California, and Cantu is remaining in the state to meet them. Cantu is an unique character. He has called the people of lower California of almost all things, but still retains their friendship, and they are looking to his standard. Cantu has, to a limited extent, Americanized lower California, of which Mexican and Tejanos are the centers of population. Incidentally, Cantu has raised a fortune during his lifetime. Every form of gambling has been licensed, and the license fees have been high. Taxes are high, everything is high, and all the revenue collected goes into the pocket of the government, that pocket being the state treasury. The government in Mexico City, however, appears to be tired of this sort of thing and is determined to end it. Mexico City wants its "cut" and intends to get it by force when all other measures have proved futile. We may yet see a lively little war in lower California. The same is overdue. Mexico has been revolutionless for more than a month.

ARENZ FOR CONGRESS.

The press of Nevada seems to be gladly welcoming the candidacy of Sam Arenz for representative in congress. This big-hearted and high-spirited American-born Scotchman is going at his task of campaigning in typical western fashion. He disdains methods of eastern politicians. His "ends are on the table." He is simply pointing to his practical accomplishments in Nevada life and telling the people if they want a man who has proved his understanding of mining, irrigation and ranching, and railroad building, he is willing to work for them. He has made his modest "pile"—honestly, every dollar of it. He has a beautiful ranch home near Simpson, Lyon county; he has paying mines in Nevada and Utah which he has developed himself; and now he offers to work for Nevada.

Many people of Nevada know, at least by reputation, W. C. Orem, president of the Salt Lake & Utah railroad, a keen promoter of mining properties, with a reputation for honesty. He made the Nevada-Douglas mine and built the Copper Belt railroad. Arenz was his chief engineer and superintendent for a number of years. In a recent interview, Orem said of Arenz: "He is a human dynamo; he never undertook a thing he did not finish; he sets a pace for work which few men can follow; and he never took a dishonest dollar in his life."

Arenz was afterward chief engineer for the Orem interests in construction of the Salt Lake & Utah lines, until called by his country to be a consulting engineer in the bureau of mines during the world war. He attained the rank of captain of engineers. He holds college degrees as mechanical engineer and bachelor of science.

Modesty seems the keynote of the campaign so far made by Arenz. So far, at least, he has not talked policies or politics. He speaks in terms of work and accomplishment. He firmly believes Nevada should be represented at Washington for what she really is, and that her interests should be guarded by a practical western man instead of by politicians of any sort.

Of course, it remains to be seen how old-time politicians may accept the candidacy of Sam Arenz. Politicians, it may be said, in a general way, are men who believe there is some sort of science in their modes of procedure, indicating that because a man has been "a politician" for such or such a length of time, he is thereby entitled to such or such an office. But even politicians, along with most other people, are beginning to suspect that there is not the same of real accomplishment springing from the old idea.

To the oriental observer of affairs in Nevada, the voice of the people sounds clear. Good citizens are demanding more of hard sense and less of schemes; more of accomplishment, less of policy; more "real stuff" and less—much less—of "going through the motions."

If Attorney General Palmer is still unable to learn whether there is profiteering in this country, let him read recent speeches in the senate by prominent members of his own party.

House republicans in caucus declared in favor of a soldiers' bonus bill. Anyone who keeps a careful eye open, will now be able to observe the spectacle of a long list of house democrats who have been working against bonus legislation under cover, rush forward to champion it.

Judging by the criticisms of Senator Owen and some other prominent democrats about the way the federal reserve system is run, there is room for wonderment whether the fatal spell of inefficiency which hangs over this administration has not cast its influence over some of the operations of the reserve board.

A man who criticized one of the recent "big drives" for which he could not see the excuse, says he was chided with the charge that he couldn't catch the vision. The trouble with a lot of people who can't tell the difference between big words and realities is that they have so much more vision than eyesight.

SAVING MONEY TO AMERICANS

(Correspondence of Associated Press)

BUDAPEST, June 28. U. Grant Smith, the American high commissioner in Budapest, has succeeded in saving about 50,000,000 crowns to Americans who recently opened accounts for trading purposes.

The Hungarian government issued in March a decree requiring the stamping of notes of the Austro-Hungarian bank circulating in Hungary, to relieve its financial embarrassment and ordered one-half of the money presented for stamping to be withheld and converted into a compulsory state loan. Some of the bankers saw a good opportunity of loading their inevitable losses on the shoulders of their American clients.

Although the Americans had only current drawing accounts, some of the bankers of Budapest attempted to tempt them to accept money as the American deposits, yet it stumped them to write a letter to their clients stating herewith they could only dispose of one-half of their deposits. As for the other half the depositors were in several cases notified they had participated in a compulsory Hungarian state loan, the bonds of which are worthless and not negotiable but valid for the payment of taxes.

The scheme was frustrated by the intervention of Mr. Grant Smith, who made representations to the Hungarian government that no money transaction of the government could involve financial losses to citizens of the United States. As the rightful basis of this principle was acknowledged by the Hungarian government.

FEDERAL PAPER COSTS \$537,600

(Correspondence of Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, July 29.—The cost of publishing the Congressional Record, the government publication recording daily everything that is said and done in congress, as well as sometimes outside, was \$537,640 last year, practically the same as for 1918, but about \$300,000 less than the 1917 cost.

These figures were given recently by Russell G. Boone, accountant at the government printing office, in answer to an inquiry of Representative Mike Magee, of New York, as to the possible saving that would result from the discontinuance of the record. Mr. Boone gave the cost for 1917 as \$801,290.88 and for 1918 as \$537,640.

Caroline Peck, the public printer, was asked for an explanation of the high figure in 1917, but confessed his memory unless it happened that congress said more talking that year. Mr. Boone said that in 1917 congress was in session 250 days; in 1918, 207 days; and in 1919, 270 days.

Surroundings Counted. William had brought a little playmate home from school. After he left, William's mother thought to improve the chance and remarked: "He was a very polite little boy. I think he was more of a gentleman than you are sometimes." "Of course he was polite," was the answer. "He was in a strange house. I am polite too, when I am away from home."

The bankers were notified. The incident in Mr. Grant Smith's account, etc., answers the question. This efficient diplomatic service pays.

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